

REMARKS

The Application has been reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed November 13, 2003. At the time of the Final Office Action and Advisory Action, Claims 1-24 were previously cancelled by Applicants and Claims 25-43 were pending in this Application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 25-43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants hereby cancel Claims 25-43 and present new Claims 44- 63. Newly presented claims do not present new matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 25-43 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,154,738 issued to Charles Gainor Call (hereafter "Call") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0029181 filed by Michael R. Miller et al. (hereafter "Miller). Applicants have cancelled Claims 25-43 and present new claims 44-63, thereby rendering the objection moot. Examination of new claims 44-63 is respectfully requested.

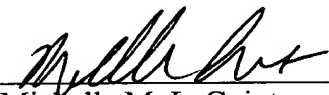
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants request that Claims 44-63 be allowed. Early and favorable acceptance of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe a fee in the amount of \$770 is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. Additionally, a fee in the amount of \$420 is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2) for a two-month extension of time. Accordingly a check in the amount of \$1190 is enclosed. Applicants believe no additional fees are due. Should any additional fees be due or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0383 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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